



**Horizon City Police Department
Monthly Activity Report
Chief of Police, Michael G. McConnell, PhD**



February 2020

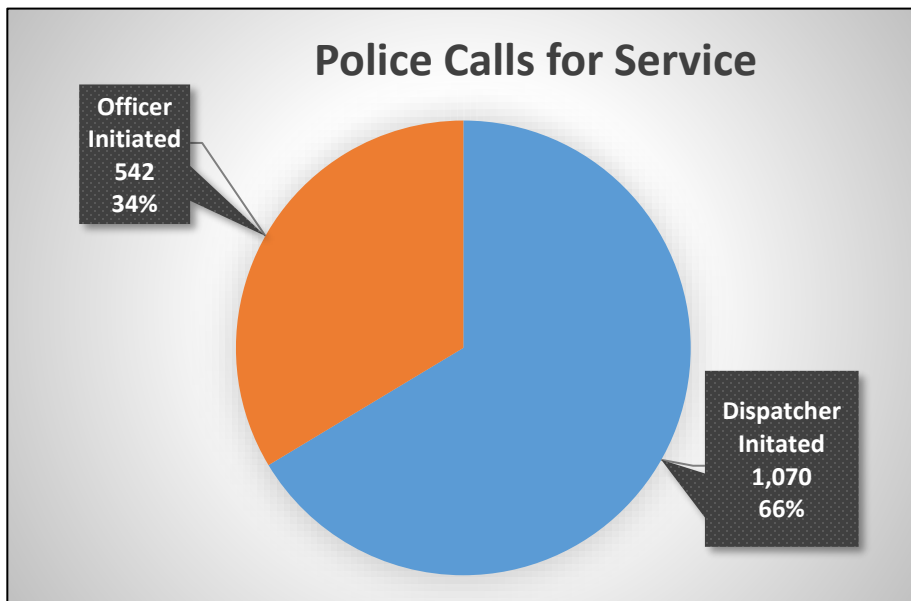
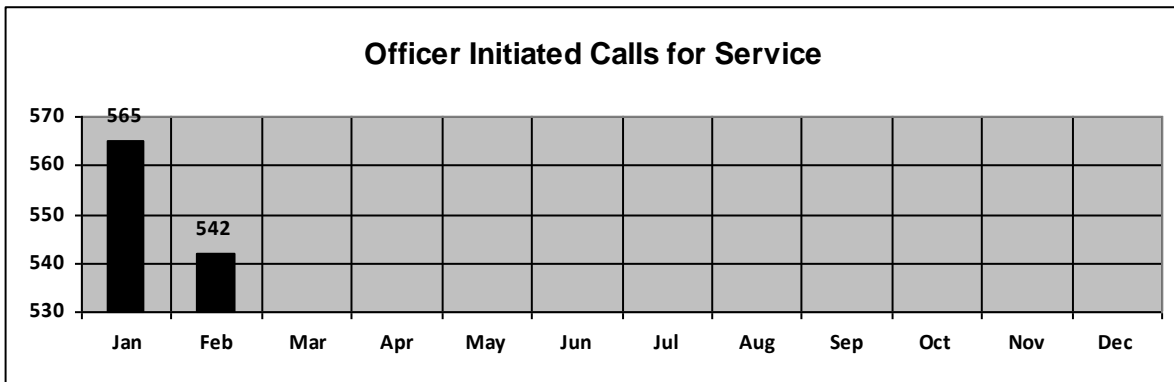
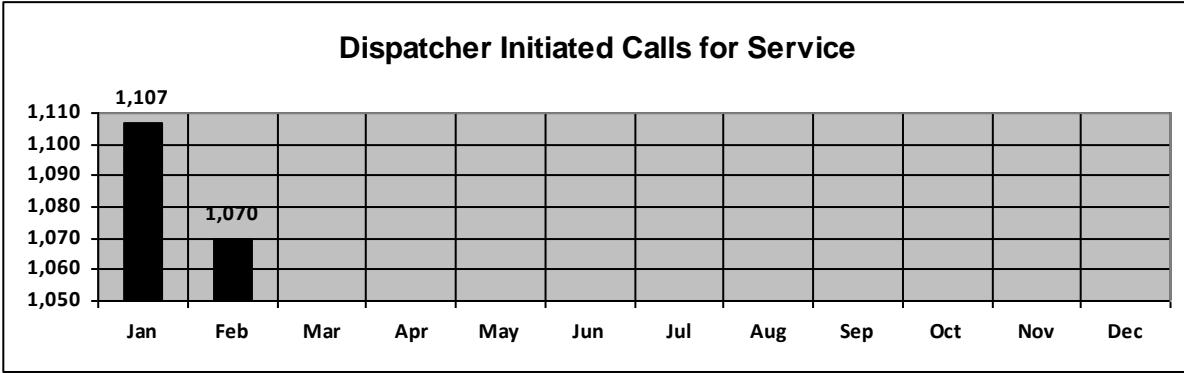
Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	210	276
Traffic Warnings	43	61
Parking Tickets	32	27
Investigations – Cases assigned	27	26
Investigations – Cases cleared	9	15
Investigations – Cases remaining open	18	13
Criminal & Non-Criminal Arrests	15	16
Traffic accidents	34	49
Dispatcher Initiated Calls for Service	1,070	Year to date – 2, 177
Officer Initiated Calls for Service	542	Year to date – 1,107
Total Police Calls for Service	1,612	Year to date – 3,284
Fire Calls for Service Reported to Dispatch	1,067	Year to date – 2,117

ITEMS OF INTEREST

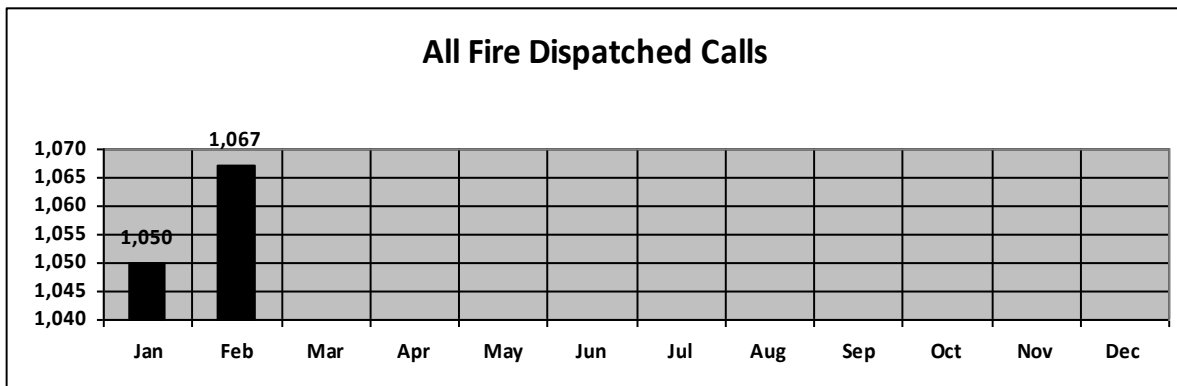
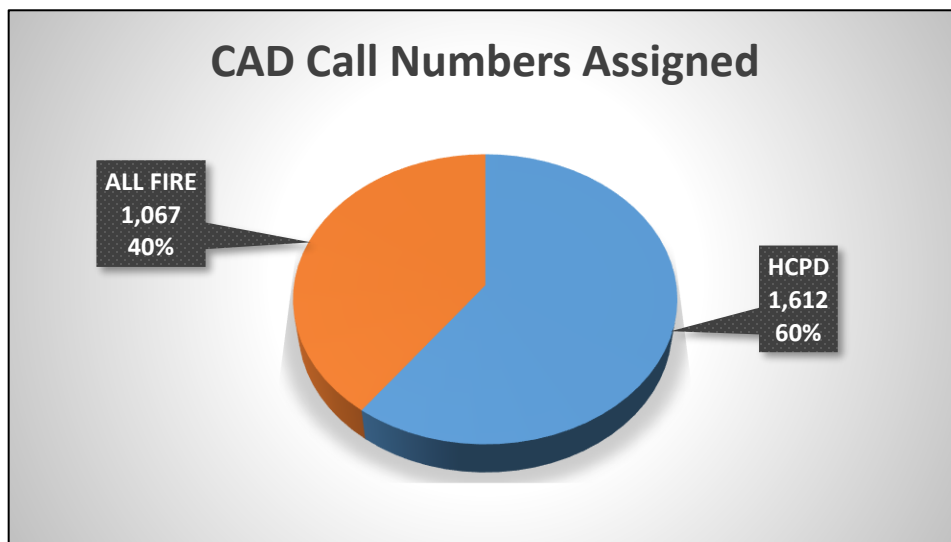
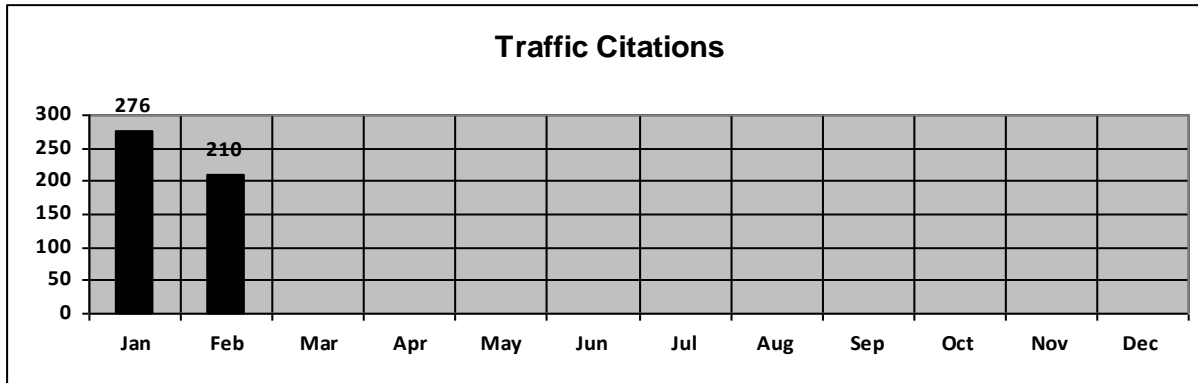
- Chief McConnell met with ESD#1 officials and members of the Native Air Ambulance service to discuss the capabilities of an air ambulance service.
- Chief McConnell attended a teleconference concerning Texas violent crime polices.
- Chief McConnell attended a briefing from CBP and other federal criminal justice partners regarding illegal activities in the El Paso sector of operations.
- Chief McConnell participated in welcoming 27 members to our Citizen's Police Academy. The Citizen's Academy will last eight weeks, and participants will learn basic police practices and gain an understanding of how modern policing occurs.



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COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Together as One

The West Valley Fire Department responded to a structure fire in Vinton. The reporting party advised of a mobile home and shed on fire. Upon arrival, the fire department advised the homeowner had debris against the fence and was trying to extinguish the fire. The Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority assistance had been requested but was canceled shortly after due to the nature of the call. The Horizon, Clint and Fabens Fire Departments responded to reports of smoke inside a residence in Horizon. The Horizon City Police Department arrived prior to the fire departments and reported heavy smoke coming from garage. A fire investigator was requested, and the request was promptly retracted. Upon investigation, the homeowner was advised to call an electrician.



The Socorro Fire Department responded to a vehicle rollover in Horizon County. Upon arrival, units advised of a single-vehicle accident with the vehicle still blocking traffic. In the impact of the crash, the door of the vehicle became lodged in the guardrail. The department of County Roads and Bridges was requested to assist in the removal of the door. Units cleared and were then requested back to the scene to remove a large rock from the roadway. The Horizon Fire Department then attempted to assist in the removal of the rock. A wrecker was requested to the scene to remove the large rock. All road hazards were removed, and the fire units cleared the scene.

The Socorro Fire Department responded to a vehicle rollover on I-10 Eastbound. Multiple callers advised of a vehicle on its top in the median. The Texas Department of Transportation was advised of about 200 feet of guardrail damage as a result of the accident. Fire units cleared and the scene was handed over to the El Paso Sheriff's Office.

The West Valley Fire Department responded to a semi-truck rollover in Anthony, New Mexico. Due to extreme winter weather conditions, police units were sliding as they attempted to approach the scene. The El Paso Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the Texas Department of Transportation to salt the roadways. The Anthony Police Department was first to arrive on scene and attempted to remove the driver from the vehicle through the windshield. The fire units assisted and the scene was referred to the New Mexico Fire Department personnel.

The Socorro, Clint, and Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Fire Departments responded to a possible structure fire in Socorro. The homeowner advised of smoke and sparks coming out of an outlet in their mobile home. Tribal Fire was the first on the scene and advised of visible smoke but no flames. While investigating, fire crews located the electrical hazard in the restroom of the home and advised the fire had been extinguished and there were no other hazards.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Thirty five support tickets were submitted, completed and closed including three major projects. The major projects included:

- Adding and removing of users in the Court Department
- Installation of network in the new E.D.C. Building
- Computer and printer setup for the E.D.C.'s new employee
- Installation of redact computer and software

In addition to the major projects above, I.T. staff responded to a variety of tech support requests.

WARRANTS DIVISION & FLEET OPERATIONS

The warrants officer received 45 summons for service. Six people were arrested for traffic warrants. Collections were made on traffic warrants, and those unable to post bonds were booked into the El Paso County Jail. The warrants officer reviewed 14 Child Protective Services cases. These cases were reviewed and closed or, in some cases, filed with the corresponding case resulting from allegations of neglect. The warrants officer took six vehicles to the shop for oil changes and repairs. Bailiff duties were also conducted during court proceedings.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS/EVIDENCE

Detectives Rodriguez and Labrado investigated cases ranging from debit credit card abuse, theft, and criminal mischief. The detectives investigated an aggravated sexual assault case. During the course of the investigation the detectives learned there were multiple victims. Two male individuals were arrested for aggravated sexual assault. Twelve cases were presented to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

The detectives investigated a welfare check of an elderly female. The Adult Protective Services were summoned to assist in providing the necessary services. The detectives continue to investigate burglaries. Search warrants were issued for forensic data that will allow further investigation of the case. Lieutenant Ortega signed 30 cases at the District Attorney's Office which were accepted for prosecution. Meetings attended by Lieutenant Ortega were Stone Garden with border patrol, Gangs, STARS, S.H.O.C.A.P., and J.O.I.C.

FORENSICS UNIT

The evidence technician conducted ten open records requests for video from the officer's body cameras. The District Attorney's Office submitted 14 requests for videos for cases ranging from D.W.I. to assaults. Twelve items of evidence were submitted to the Texas Department of Public Safety for drug analysis. The forensics technician assisted in processing seven public requests for fingerprints.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY SERVICES

Coffee With A Cop

The first Coffee With a Cop event took place on February 5, 2020, at Whataburger. Sergeant Mitre did not expect anyone in attendance due to the snowfall from the night before. More than enough people were present to have a round of discussions and ideas on community safety. The next Coffee With a Cop will take place on March 5, 2020.

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Child Passenger Seat Inspections

Sergeant Mitre did not receive requests to inspect seats during the month. Sergeant Mitre will be working to renew her safety seat technician certification.

Explorer Program

The explorer program conducted the activities below which included weekly meetings on Wednesday nights.

February 5 – No Meeting, due to weather (snow)
February 12 – No Meeting due to weather (snow)
February 19 – Room Clearing/ Burglary Response
February 26 – Citizen Police Academy (Session 1)

The explorer program has begun recruiting for the spring of 2020 in area schools during the spring semester.

Citizen Police Academy Development

Our Citizen Police Academy started on February 26, with 27 people from the community in attendance. The Academy will cover topics such as:

- Meet the Chief
- Patrol Operations & Equipment
- Internal Affairs
- Crime Scene Investigation Unit
- Criminal Investigation
- Emergency Communications
- Mechanics of Arrest
- Crisis Intervention
- D.W.I.
- Family Violence
- Sex Crimes
- Civilian Active Shooter Response
- Burglary
- Robbery
- Homicide
- Traffic Enforcement
- Firearm Safety
- Animal Cruelty
- Recruiting
- Online Safety
- Crime Prevention
- H.C.P.D. Explorers/ Horizon City Police Association

Please visit www.horizoncitypd.com/citizen-police-academy for more information on our Citizen Police Academy. (Not currently accepting applications)

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World Read Aloud Day at Desert Wind School

LitWorld founded *World Read Aloud Day* in 2010 as an opportunity for people all around the globe to celebrate the joy of reading aloud and advocate for literacy as a fundamental human right that belongs to everyone. Over the last ten years, World Read Aloud Day has evolved into a global movement of millions of readers, writers, and listeners from communities all across the world coming together to honor the joy and power of reading and sharing stories, and continue expanding the definition and scope of global literacy.

On February 5th, Sergeant Mitre was invited to read aloud to students in several grades at Desert Wind School. Sergeant Mitre read the book "Don't Laugh at Me" to children in grades, K, 3, 4, 5, and 7th. Sergeant Mitre was pleased to see that Horizon City Fire Department was taking part in the activities as well.



Special Valentines Dance

The Criminal Justice students at Horizon High School took the initiative to organize and coordinate a special needs purpose, sensory friendly Valentine's Day Dance for the special needs students at Horizon High School. The C.J. students determined that creating such an event was necessary because a lot of those kids would not otherwise have the opportunity to partake in school dances. The students worked with other students from the Fire Technology Program in order to procure a venue for the event. The dance was held at the Fire Truck bay in the Fire Technology building at the Horizon High School. The students made numerous calls and solicited multiple sponsors and donors to raise the funds for the event. The event featured a live D.J., with curated sensory-friendly music and lighting, food, and other fun activities. Several members of our police explorers are members of the Criminal Justice Group of students who helped make this event possible.

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Other Community Events

Sergeant Mitre provided members of the community with information on TIP411, information on shopping safety with tips on how to prevent theft of wallet/ purses, burglary of vehicle, and identity theft prevention. Sergeant Mitre was also available to inspect child passenger safety seats. Sergeant Mitre spoke to people on the following dates:

February 14
February 16
February 20
February 21
February 27

D.A.R.E.

Children in and from the community benefit from D.A.R.E. training in order to help them make safe and healthy choices. D.A.R.E.'s curricula are effective, impactful, and developmentally age-specific for all grades, preK-2, 3rd and 4th grade, Elementary, Middle, and High School, and include supplemental enhancement lessons (prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse,

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internet safety, bullying and role models). D.A.R.E. classes are taught by Sergeant Mitre, a certified instructor in blocks of 45 minutes in the classroom. The current session of D.A.R.E. is scheduled to last until April 29, 2020.



Facebook Live

Sergeant Mitre hosted two Facebook Live sessions. The community is encouraged to submit comments and questions in real-time during these live stream sessions.

February 12 – Invitation to Citizen Police Academy

February 19 – Citizen Academy Additional Info/ Identity Theft Prevention (I.R.S. Scammers)

Important Upcoming Events

Planning and coordinating of the following events has been taking place (for events which take place in March):

- Coffee With A Cop (March 5, 2020)
- Citizen Police Academy Spring Session (Ongoing until April 15)
- Explorer Program recruiting at H.C. school campuses

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Crisis Intervention Training (40 hours): This course provides the key concepts, safety techniques, and communication skills. This course includes a combination of lecture; scenario role-play and physical modeling. Attended by Zeiger, Rosas, JC Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez, and Gonzalez.

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Emergency Vehicle Operation Instructor Course (40 hours): This course is designed to train experienced instructors to deliver the Emergency Vehicles Operators course. This is a realistic, high stress, driving program. Attended by Nunez and Crespo.

Intermediate Spanish (2 hours): This is a challenge exam and successful completion of this course will satisfy the T.C.O.L.E. requirement for Intermediate Certification. Attended by Chavez and H. Sierra.

Human Trafficking (4 hours): Course offers a comprehensive overview of human trafficking, one of today's most complex criminal enterprises and human rights violation. Attended by Alvarez, Cruz, and Guerra.

86th Legislative Updates (3 hours): Course updates law enforcement on the changes to Texas Criminal law as wrought by the 86th session of Texas Legislature. Attended by Flores, Crespo, Rico, Ortega, JC Rodriguez, Greseth, Nunez, Mitre, Alvarez, Cruz, Guerra, Zeiger, G. Rodriguez, Labrado, Chavez and Rosas.

Racial Profiling (4 hours): This course highlights key issues surrounding race in law enforcement and to help officers use this information in a meaningful and practicable way. Attended by Alvarez, Cruz, and Guerra.

TOTAL TRAINING HOURS FOR THE MONTH: 356 hours

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	253
Number of CITATIONS	210
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)	44
No Drivers License (3103)	26
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)	14
Defective Stop Lamp(s) (3170)	13
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)	13
Expired Registration/Plates (3656)	12
Defective Head Lamps (3162A)	10
Fail to Display Drivers License (3263)	6
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name (3264)	6
Fail to Control Speed (3050)	6
No Seat Belt- Passenger (3033)	4
Open Container (3323)	4
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over) (3001C)	4
Expired Drivers License (3259)	4
Expired Paper Dealer Plate (0000I)	4
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate (3667)	3
Failed to Yield Right of Way (3005C)	3
Ran Red Light (3007)	3
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2100)	2
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor (3803)	2
In City parks after hours 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. (0181)	2
Turned When Unsafe (3080)	2
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic (3060)	2
Violate DL Restriction (3106)	2
Failed to Yield R.O.W. at Stop intersection (3005D)	2
Speeding (26 + Miles Over) (3001D)	2



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle (3668)	2
No License Plate Light (3274)	1
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws (3101)	1
Defective Brakes (3213E)	1
Minor In Possession of Tobacco Products (0055)	1
Failed to Yield ROW Turning Left (3055)	1
Littering/Illegal Dumping (3358)	1
Failed to Yield ROW (Private Drive/Alley/Building) (3056)	1
Curfew (0038)	1
Driving Under The Influence -Minor (3806)	1
Defective Tail Lamp(s) (3167)	1
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16) (3001SB)	1
Drove without Lights (When Required) (3198)	1
Illegal Pass on Right (3020)	1
Number of WARNINGS	43
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)	12
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)	9
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)	5
Fail to Display Drivers License (3263)	3
Expired Registration/Plates (3656)	2
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws (3101)	1
Defective Stop Lamp(s) (3170)	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change (3096)	1
Expired Paper Dealer Plate (0000I)	1
Defective Head Lamps (3162A)	1
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line (3060)	1
Display Unclean License Plates/Obstrcted (3658)	1
Ran Red Light (3007)	1
Violate DL Restriction (3106)	1



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Speeding (21-25 Miles Over) (3001C)	1
Drove without Lights (When Required) (3198)	1
No Drivers License (3103)	1

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	32
Number of CITATIONS	24
Parked Facing Traffic - \$53.00 (3561)	17
Stopping/Standing on Parking Prohibited Area (3556)	3
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$53.00 (3553)	1
Driving on Sidewalk or Hike and Bike Trail (3315)	1
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$53.00 (0093B)	1
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00 (9000)	1
Number of WARNINGS	8
Parked Facing Traffic - \$53.00 (3561)	7
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$53.00 (3553)	1

Number of NON-TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	1
Number of CITATIONS	1
Theft Under \$100.00 (1020)	1

HCPD Monthly Count Of Calls

El Paso 911 CAD Reports

Report Date: 3/1/2020 2:00:22 AM

Report Date From: 2/1/2020 00:00:00

Report Date To: 2/29/2020 23:59:59

Count of PD Calls:	1070
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Count of OV Calls:	542
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Count of MVA Events:	34
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CNTYFD Monthly Count of Events

El Paso 911 CAD Reports

Report Date: 3/1/2020 3:48:44 AM

Report Date From: 2/1/2020 00:00:00

Report Date To: 2/29/2020 23:59:59

Municipality	Count
CLFD	82
FAFD	113
HCFD	346
MVFD	98
SCFD	216
SEFD	90
WVFD	122
Total	1067